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American Surprise For Japan

U. S. Forces Establish Positions On Attu Island And Continue Offensive

WASHINGTON, May 18.

It is officially announced that United States troops have established positions on the island of Attu in the Aleutians and are continuing their offensive against the Japanese entrenched along the ridge.

The two landings were made on May 11 at the northern and south-eastern.—Reuter.

NO SERIOUS OPPOSITION

The Secretary of the Navy Col. Knox announced to-day that the American troops have captured the ridge on Attu Island where the Japanese were previously entrenched.

The Americans had now direct contact with the Japanese positions. United States casualties were "much lighter than expected."

The operations had apparently caught the Japanese by surprise as there was no serious opposition until landings were made on the beaches.

STRONG ENEMY RESISTANCE

The text of the Navy department "communique" on landings in the Aleutians says "NORTH PACIFIC: The military situation in the north, permits announcement of some of the details of the landing of United States troops on Attu Island on May 11. The occupation began with scouting parties landing at Bling Cove. Holtz Bay locate at the northeastern end of Attu. The landing of the United States troops was effected at two points—in Holtz Bay area and in Massare Bay located at the South Eastern end of Attu.

The landings were made under cover of United States naval surface forces which bombarded enemy installations in both areas and United States army planes which attacked enemy positions in the vicinity of Chicaof harbour.

The troops advanced inland encountering strong enemy resistance from machinegun nests.—Reuter.

Ruhr Railways At Stand-Still

Scenes Of Disorder And Tumult In Flooded Shelters:

NEW YORK:—As a result of flooding due to the breaching of the dams, says a Berne telegram in the New York "Times" to-day railways in the Ruhr are reported to be virtually at a standstill. At Duisburg, and Mulheim, where the public was apprehensive about airraids because the shelters were flooded, there were scenes of disorder and tumult.

The R.A.F. raid on the Mohne and Eder dams is described by the New York "Times" as "the most devastating single blow dealt from the air so far". The newspaper adds "the Germans may contemplate the irony, but also the justice of history which brought it about that this particular target was suggested to the R.A.F. by a refugee from Berlin".

LONDON:—A series of brilliant pictures obtained by R.A.F. reconnaissance planes of Mohne and Eder dams released for publication to-day testify to the perfect bombing of the gallant crews of the R.A.F. "Lancasters". The exposed right banks of the Mohne reservoir show that it has been drained of most of its contents but the water is still cascading through the 200 feet breach in the dam. The Power station below the dam was swept away by the force of water and the torrent overflowed and destroyed the dam, surrounding the compensating basin.

Photographs of the Eder dam show the total destruction of the electricity power stations.

ATTACK ON ENEMY CONVOY.

LONDON:—Air Ministry "communique" announces "last night, torpedo carrying Hampden of the coastal command continued their attack on enemy convoy attacked by Beaunghters off the Dutch coast yesterday afternoon. Two ships were left sinking and were seen to be abandoned by their crews.

Aircraft of the fighter-command on intruder patrol during the night attacked road and rail communications and enemy air bases in Northern France and Belgium. Bomber command aircrarft laid mines in enemy waters and attacked targets in Southern Germany.

Two aircraft of the coastal command, two of the fighter command and one of the bomber command are missing."

Riots At Duisburg

The Morocco Radio said this afternoon that according to well-informed neutral sources, there was rioting in Duisburg after the bursting of the Ruhr Dam.—Reuter.

Deluge For Dortmund?

LONDON, May 18.

The Morocco Radio referring to the German dam breaches said: "Dortmund is threatened by complete inundation.—Reuter.

'State Of Siege' In Westphalia

STOCKHOLM: According to the German underground station "Atlantic", a state of siege has been proclaimed in the whole of Westphalia as the result of the breaching of the dams.

Muelheim and all cities between Hanover and Karlsbad, Westphalia, are under water, the radio said.—Reuter.

AIR RAID CASUALTIES IN LONDON SUBURB.

LONDON, May 18

During last night's three alerts in the London area, only a very few aircraft, mostly of the fighter bomber type, sneaked over the outer suburbs.

One raider dived and released a bomb which demolished two three-storeyed houses in a residential suburb just as the siren sounded. Three people are believed killed and some others injured. Ten people are reported killed when a bomb wrecked houses in another residential area.—Reuter.

14 Killed: 32 Injured

Serious Train Collision On B. N. Railway

SIMLA, May 18.

Fourteen persons were killed and 32 injured when a goods train collided with a passenger train standing at Jaleswar station (B. N. Railway) at 2-30 this morning, says a telegram received from the District Transportation Officer, Kharagpur.

Of the 32 injured, 12 were serious. The injured persons were removed to Kharagpur Main Hospital.

As a result of the collision, one bogie (Third, Luggage and Brake) and one bogie (First, Second and Inter) telescoped in the rear of the stationary train.—A. P.

Khanna On Strength Of Non-Ministerialist Party

PESHAWAR, May 18.

Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, M.L.A., President Frontier Hindu Mahasabha, has issued the following statement:—

"No Hindu is joining the Muslim League Ministry. There are nine Hindu members in the Frontier Assembly. Rai Bahadur Kanwar Bhan Bagai and Rai Bahadur Chamanlal are dead. Five others are members of the Congress party and the remaining two Rai Bahadur Ishwardass and myself can never be a party to Pakistan. This will raise the strength of the non-ministerial party from 21 to 23 in a House of 42. I am sure His Excellency the Governor will not doubt the veracity of the statements of Doctor Khan Sahib and myself who at one time were his ministers and enjoyed his confidence. If, however, his would-be chief minister, Sardar Mohd. Aurangzeb Khan, has doubts regarding the figures quoted above, then the right constitutional procedure for the Governor would be to call a session of the Frontier Assembly forthwith and allow eight Congress members in jail to come out on parole just for one day to take part in the censure motion".—A. P.

R.A.F. Over Aegean Sea

CAIRO, May. 18

To-day's Middle East Air communique announces "Yesterday R. A. F. long-range fighters attacked an enemy schooner in the Aegean Sea. The vessel was damaged and abandoned by the crew.

From this and other operations, none of our aircraft is missing".—Reuter.

Sir Percey Laurie Wins In Appeal

LONDON, May 18.

Major-General Sir Percy Robert Laurie, Provost Marshal of England successfully appealed at the London Sessions today against his conviction on April 3 for, it was alleged, furnishing information false in a material particular for the purpose of the rationing order.

On this charge he had been fined £50 with 35 guineas costs. The conviction was quashed and Sir Percy was allowed 50 guineas costs.

The Appeals Committee also allowed Sir Percy's appeal against the penalties of £250 each imposed for failing to deliver the ration book possession of which was not authorised and for using the ration book otherwise than in accordance with the rationing order.

The fines were reduced to £25 each.—Reuter.

INDIAN DEFENCE DELEGATES TOUR DESERT BATTLEFIELDS.

CAIRO: Six members of the Indian Defence Consultative Committee of the Central Legislature at present visiting Cairo are now touring the desert battlefields. The delegation includes the ex-Congress Leader Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the Liberal Leader, Pundit H. N. Kunzru, and Sir Fredrick James.—Reuter.

Australian Hospitalship Torpedoed

Survivors See Jap "Sub" Surfacing Shortly After Attack

LONDON, May 18.

Allied headquarters south-west Pacific: To-day's 'communique' states, on May 14, a Japanese submarine torpedoed and sank without warning an Australian hospitalship, the "Centaur" 40 miles east of Brisbane while on route from Sydney to New Guinea.

The vessel which was travelling escorted, was fully illuminated and marked with the Red Cross and complying with all the provisions of International Law.

The vessel capsized and sank within three minutes of being hit. Of the 363 members of the crew, medical staff and nurses on board, 64 were rescued including one woman and the remainder were lost. The survivors saw the Japanese submarine which surfaced shortly after the attack.

Curtin's Statement

CANBERRA:—The Prime Minister Mr. Curtin, in a statement on the sinking of the hospitalship "Centaur" said: "The Commonwealth is bound to regard the sinking as an entirely unexcusable act, violating the convention to which Japan is a party and violating all principles.

An immediate strong protest in these terms is being addressed to the Japanese Government.

The country may feel confident that the Government will do its utmost to establish the Red Cross right and to ensure that the war criminals responsible for this dastardly act shall be brought to justice".—Reuter.

R.A.F. Over Burma

ATTACK ON AKYAB RADIO INSTALLATIONS

NEW DELHI, May 18.

On the night of May 16, two small detachments of British troops carried out a successful raid on the jetty at Maungdaw, says an India Command Joint War "communique". The landing was vigorously resisted by the enemy. A party of 20 Japanese charged one of our parties with the bayonet, and a hand to hand struggle resulted in 18 of the enemy being killed. Our casualties in the raid were two killed.

Yesterday R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters attacked Japanese radio installations near Akyab. During the morning, "Hurricanes" on offensive patrols machine-gunned water transport and other objectives on the Mayu River. Near Kwazon, they sank three barges and four supply sampans. Last night "Wellington" bombers attacked the airfield at Kangaung. Bombs were also dropped on Yenaungyaung, on the Irrawaddy north of Magwe, and on Rathedaung.—A. P.

U. S. Faces Prospect Of Nation-wide Strike

LONDON, May 18.

Reuter's special correspondent in New York cables:—With the 15-day truce in the United States' coal dispute due to end at midnight today the United States is faced with the prospect of another nation-wide strike.

President of the United Mine-workers' Union, Mr. John L. Lewis has refused to resume talks with soft coal-owners under the auspices of the War Labour Board.

CALCUTTA, May 18:—Taxicabs have completely stopped plying in Calcutta since yesterday. About 800 taxis are affected. It is understood that this development is connected with the petrol ration of twenty gallons a month, an allotment which is wholly inadequate, according to taxi-owners.

DHANBAD, May 17—Twenty-three colliery accidents occurred, resulting in the death of 7 persons, in mining operations during the month of April in the Dhanbad sub-division.—A. P.

ITALIAN KING TO ABDICATE?

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 18.

Persistent rumour prevails that King Victor of Italy might abdicate in favour of Prince Piedmont and that German officials are being withdrawn from Italy, Hitler leaving Mussolini to face the threat of Allied invasion.

CRIPPS FOR INDIA AGAIN?

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 18.

It is learnt that Sir Stafford Cripps is willing to go to India.

The "Manchester Guardian's Delhi correspondent suggested a seven-point plan which would command the general assent of Indians but British constitutional authorities are of opinion that the plan is too vague and needs clarification and that a concrete joint plan by leaders would help stimulate public discussions here and in America in favour of a concrete plan.

NAZI REVERSES IN KUBAN

Both Sides Mark Time For Major Clash

MOSCOW, May 18.

Yesterday's Soviet morning communique states: "During the night of May 17, nothing of importance took place at the front."

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

MOSCOW:—The supplement to Tuesday's Moscow communique stated that in Kuban, north-east of Novorossisk, Soviet units repulsed a German attack throwing them back to their initial positions.

On the Central Front, Soviet troops wiped out about 300 German Officers and men, smashed 9 enemy machine-gun nests and silenced 4 artillery batteries. In air combats, at the approaches to Leningrad, one German aircraft was brought down. Another German plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

SOVIET POSITION IMPROVES

Reuter's special correspondent in his morning's despatch from Moscow says: German counter-attacks north-east of Novorossisk have failed completely according to a front line despatch to the "Red Star" In some sectors, north-east of the Black Sea port, Soviet troops improved their own positions in the past three days' fighting.

In Lisichansk bridgehead sector on the Central Donetz Front, the Germans exhausted by their heavy losses are now limiting their activity to almost continuous shelling aimed at hampering Russians in their task of digging in and consolidating the ground gained.

PREPARING FOR MAJOR CLASH

From Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow:—With the activity all along the battlefront still confined to local fighting, both sides are using the time left to them to prepare for the imminent major clash. The atmosphere here is one of expectancy that one side or the other will reveal its hand any day now. German tank concentrations are particularly large on the Orel and Byelgorod sectors where the Axis is reputed to have massed a great number of big tiger tanks which were used in Libya.—Reuter

CANADIAN PREMIER FOR WASHINGTON

OTTAWA: The Canadian Premier Mr. MacKenzie King left late on Monday afternoon to attend the Roosevelt-Churchill War Council in Washington.—Reuter.

BAN ON FORWARD CONTRACTS IN CURRENT CROPS

NEW DELHI, May 18.

"Following upon repeated warnings to the raw cotton trade, the Government of India have published to-day an order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting forward contracts in current crops," announces a 'communique.' "Operation of the prohibition has been postponed until after close of business on the 20th May. 1943 in order to enable operators during the interval voluntarily to liquidate their contracts. All contracts outstanding at the close of business on that date will be closed out at a rate to be fixed by the Government of India."

The Cotton (Forward Contracts in Current Crops Prohibition) order 1943 provides that "no person shall, after the 20th May. 1943, enter into any forward contract in respect of current crops."

The order further lays down:

Notwithstanding any custom, usage or practice of the trade, or the terms of any contract or any regulation of an association relating to such contract.

(1) Every contract outstanding at the close of business on the 20th May, 1943, shall be deemed to be closed out at such rate as the Central Government may, by notification, in the official Gazette fix in respect of any cotton or class of cotton;

(2) All differences arising out of any contract so deemed to be closed out shall be payable on the basis of the rate fixed as aforesaid and the seller shall not be bound to give, and the buyer shall not be bound to take, delivery.

In this order.

(I) "Contract means a contract made, or to be performed in whole or in part, in British India relating to the sale or purchase of cotton;

(II) "Current crops" means any cotton sown before the 1st March, 1943;

(III) "Forward contract" means a contract for the delivery of cotton at some future date.—A. P.

COTTON PRICES COLLAPSE

BOMBAY, May 18.

Local markets during the late hours of night witnessed considerable drop in prices due to heavy liquidation following the news of a communique prohibiting forward contracts in current cotton crops.

Jarilla July contract which closed at Rs. 624|8 was being quoted around Rs. 575|-. Silver and Gold (Vaishakh) declined to Rs. 128 and Rs. 88 respectively.

Sir Nilratan Sarcar Dead

Ex-Vice-Chancellor Of Calcutta University

CALCUTTA, May 18.

The death occurred this evening at Giridhi of Dr. Sir Nilratan Sircar, at the age of 82. Sir Nilratan had been lying ill at Giridhi for some time past.—A. P.

(Knighted in 1918, Nilratan Sircar was an M.A. M.D. of the Calcutta University to which, later in life he became vice-Chancellor. He was President of the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan and founder-President of the Carmichael Medical College and Hospitals).

Sir Nilratan was staying at Giridhi for some time past and on the morning of May 3 he suddenly fell ill. On receipt of this information his only son left for Giridhi with two doctors from Calcutta. A few days later, it was reported that he was making steady progress and was free from fever.

This evening a message was received by Dr. B. C. Roy from Giridhi informing him of a sudden set-back in the condition of Sir Nilratan. Dr. Roy and Dr. Symaprosad Mookerjee were arranging to proceed to Giridhi by this evening's train in order to bring him down to Calcutta if possible. But as they were about to start the news came from Giridhi of the passing away at 3-30 p.m. today of Sir Nilratan, one of India's most eminent physicians.

His only son, all the five daughters and one of the sons-in-law (Mr. B. M. Sen, late principal of the Presidency College) were at the bedside.

In a message of condolence Dr. Symaprosad Mookerjee says. "By Sir Nilratan Sircar's death Bengal has lost one of her greatest sons. His greatness lay not merely in the fact that for more than 40 years, he occupied a unique place among the foremost Indian physicians, but there was hardly any activity in Bengal calculated to advance the cultural, economic and industrial regeneration of the people, of which Sir Nilratan was not either the promotor or the inspirer. A patriot and nationalist to the core of his heart, he lived to inspire generations of fellow workers with his lofty idealism, his neverfailing optimism and his spotless character.—A. P.

RALLY OF NATAL INDIANS

DURBAN, May 18.

Representatives of the Natal Indian Association from all parts of Natal are meeting on May 24 to arrange an intensive campaign against the recent Indian legislation. This was decided at a meeting of the Executive Committee which also protested against the formation of the Asiatic Affairs Advisory Board. The Committee declared that in view of the Indian Community's persistent demand for complete abolition of the Indian Immigrations Laws in Natal because the Indenture system was completely stopped in 1911 the Association would not countenance the formation or existence of such a board. The executive also appointed a committee of enquiry into the provision of civic and housing amenities for Indians in Natal with orders to report within three months.—Reuter.

Sind M.L.A. Released On Parole

KARACHI, May 18.

The Sind Government it is learnt have issued orders for the release on parole of Mr. Mohd. Amin Khoso, M.L.A. (Sind) in view of the illness of his son. Mr. Khoso, it may be recalled has been detained by the Government since last August disturbances.—A. P.

SECRETARIAT CLERK ARRESTED

KARACHI, May 18.—The police carried out a search of a house in the City from where they recovered some unauthorised literature and took into custody a clerk of the Sind Secretariat under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

NEW YORK, May 18.

Previous closing	19.82
Today's opening	19.83
Difference	+01
To-day's closing	19.94
Difference	+.12

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE LOANS

The London Stock Exchange was rather dull.

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £102 5/8; 2 1/2 per cent British Consols £80 5/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £104 13/16; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 3/16; 4 per cent War Loan £112 3/4; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £103 1/4; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £100 1/2; 4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 18.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol. 51 5/8

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 28 1/4

United States Steel Common dol. 55

United States Steel Preference unquoted.

New U. P. Cotton Piecegoods Order

LUCKNOW, May 18.

A United Provinces Government Gazette Extraordinary just issued publishes the United Provinces Cotton Piecegoods (Futures and Options Prohibitions) Order, 1943. The order which extends to the whole of the United Provinces prohibits any person from entering into any "futures in cotton piecegoods" or pay or receive or agree to pay or receive any margin relating to any such futures, or enter into any options in cotton piecegoods. Cotton piecegoods also include cotton yarn.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

PHILLIP'S REPORT ON INDIA.

WASHINGTON, May 18

The report to President Roosevelt made by the President's personal representative in India Mr. Phillips is considered highly confidential so that there is little likelihood that details will be disclosed.—Reuter.

Attlee On Allied And Axis Casualties

R. A. F. Assault On Italian And Mediterranean Targets

WESTMINSTER, May 18.

The Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee moving a resolution in the Commons to-day expressing pride and thankfulness for the brilliant victory in Tunisia said that the total casualties of the British and Commonwealth and Empire forces in Africa and the Middle East since Italy entered the war were 220,000 killed, wounded, missing and taken prisoner. The German casualties were 227,000 and Italians 400,000.

PASSED 'NEM CON'.

He asked the House of Commons to pass the resolution not in a spirit of boastfulness but of thankfulness for dangers passed and victory achieved and in no spirit of complacency but of firm determination. Members of all parties having supported the resolution it was passed "nem con".

TRIBUTE TO LEADERS.

Recalling that just two years ago, Mr. Churchill moved a similar resolution following the conquest of Abyssinia and General Wavell's victories in North Africa, Mr. Attlee said that the Libyan Campaign was then a part of the offensive-defensive which the British Empire was conducting singlehanded against Germany and Italy but to-day, turning from such an offensive-defence to our attack, the Allied forces had delivered a great and resounding blow against the common enemies.

Paying a tribute to General Eisenhower, General Alexander, Admiral Cunningham and Air Marshal Tedder, Mr. Attlee said: "These victories required not only good weapons, good fighting qualities, and good staff work, but above all good leadership and we may count ourselves fortunate in having found leaders who have that essential gift of radiating confidence throughout their command"

American troops had for the first time in their history fought in Africa and the name of Bizerta would ever be remembered in their military annals. The French troops, after two years of gloom had had the satisfaction of receiving the surrender of tens of thousands of Germans.

GRIGG'S ACCOUNT OF WAR PRISONERS

WESTMINSTER, May 18.

The Allies in North Africa have captured about 100,000 Germans and about 63,000 Italians since April 15. Previously the British held 33,000 Germans and nearly 284,000 Italian prisoners.

The Germans now hold about 80,000 British prisoners and Italians about 70,000. This includes all British Services as well as Dominion, Colonial and Indian troops.

Giving these figures in the Commons, the Secretary for War Sir James Grigg said that they might still be subject to slight variations. The only exchange under consideration at present is of badly wounded men and protected personnel under the Geneva Convention.—Reuter.

Axis Prepare For Invasion

GENEVA, May 18.

The Axis have proclaimed the entire Reveira coast including Nice and Cannes to be a forbidden zone to a depth of 15 to 25 miles, reports the "Tribune de Geneve."—Reuter.

SURPRISE FOR FOURTH INDIAN DIVISION.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters, North Africa: Crawling up the crest of a ridge in the last stages of the Tunisian battle, a Colonel of the Fourth Indian Division with his orderly saw on the other side a big German staff car with a Staff Officer waving a white flag. The astonished Colonel was told he had walked into General Von Arnim's Headquarters and that the delegate had already left for other units of the Indian Division to seek General Anderson's surrender terms. Turning the corner the Colonel came upon nearly 1,000 Germans forming up as though for a parade. Dirty unshaven and dishevelled, the Colonel approached a group of smartly dressed Officers, all of whom saluted him. A Senior Officer asked him to provide a British guard for German Headquarters to prevent further shooting. The General Commanding the Indian Division has given Von Arnim's pistol to an Indian Regiment.

COMMONS SECRET SESSION

WESTMINSTER: Prior to Mr. Attlee's speech, the Commons had a brief secret session at the request of the Leader of the House Mr. Eden.

Mr. Eden said: "I desire to make a statement which it was inadvisable to make in public."—Reuter.

Stalin Congratulates Eisenhower

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: A message from Stalin addressed to the President of the United States relayed to General Eisenhower read: "I congratulate you and the gallant American and British forces on the brilliant victory which has led to the liberation of Bizerta, and Tunis from Hitlerite Tyranny. I wish you continued success."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Attack On Sardinian Airfield

LONDON, May 18.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa:—

To-day's 'communique' announces that the Sardinian air-field of Alghero was bombed by 'Wellingtons.'

MEDITERRANEAN TARGETS

Reuter's special correspondent with Allied Headquarters in North Africa cables: "Wellington" Bombers of the R. A. F. maintained their night assault on the Mediterranean and Italian targets with an attack last night on the airfield and port of Alghero in Sardinia. Many bomb bursts were seen in the town and port area and one very large fire in the centre town appeared to be out of control. Numerous other fires were started one in a train near the main station.

In bright moonlight the raiders, after bombing, strafed the area from as low as 200 feet.

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Italy Tottering On Brink Of Utter Disaster

Collapse Before Allied Invasion Likely, Comments British Press

LONDON, May 18.

Italy is tottering on the brink of utter disaster. She is wide open to devastating air-raids. There is even the possibility of her collapse before an Allied invasion. That is the picture the British reader gains from his morning newspaper to-day.

The "Daily Mail" air correspondent writes "Italy faces the most devastating mass bombing the world has yet seen—an ordeal beside which that endured by the Germans pales.

The "News Chronicle" political commentator A. J. Cummings writes, "One military consequence of an Italian collapse would be to open our approach to the Balkans. The effect on Hungary and Rumania and Bulgaria would be staggering."

The "Herald" writes, "It would be foolish to imagine that unconditional surrender of the Fascist regime will be obtained without stern and bloody struggle."—Reuter.

POSITION OF SMALL COINS

"Colossal" Quantity Being Poured Out By Govt., Says Raisman

NEW DELHI, May 17.

The position in the bullion market was receiving Government's consideration, said Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, in reply to questions at a Press Conference to-day. The matter, he added, was one in which some form of international co-operation was involved. "I see reason to hope that we may be able to deal with it," he said When we are in a position to deal with it, we shall be prepared to act drastically and rapidly."

Asked about the small coins position, the Finance Member referred to the "colossal" quantity of small coins being poured out by the Government. "I don't think there is any country—or any two or three countries put together—minting on the scale on which we are minting. A stage must be reached when this colossal outpouring will have effect and when it has effect, it will be spectacular."

As it was there were some parts of the country where the small coin position was quite reasonable, while other parts in which it was bad.—A. P.

SOVIET WOMAN MINISTER RETURNS TO SWEDEN

LONDON, May 18

Russia's 71-year old woman minister returns to Sweden ready to take up the fight with the German Minister Hans Thomsen, writes the "Daily Express" correspondent from Stockholm to-day.

"Bitter attacks launched in German papers on Madame Kollontay suggest an attempt to torpedo the improvement in the Swedish-Soviet relations" he writes.

"Madame Kollontay's vivid and energetic personality has made her highly popular in Stockholm's diplomatic world and her forthcoming return to the city after many months of illness will not make easier the task of the new German Minister

Thomsen has been trying to stir up fires of Swedish mistrust for Russia." Describing her difficulties as both minister and minister's wife the correspondent quotes the Soviet's envoy as saying, "While I am deeply discussing some political problem at dinner I have to worry about whether Cavier has been properly served."—Reuter

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Bombay's Big Ben Isolated By Floor Collapse

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It is only waiting for orders to resume service and the order is not likely to come before the monsoon is over.

The mystery behind the stoppage of the clock is as follows. There are four different floors to the Clock Tower Building, one of which collapsed in February last. On inspection it was found that the other floors were also in danger as the wooden beams and joists which were in a decayed condition.

The autnorities had therefore to take steps immediately to lessen the load on these floors and this entailed the removal of parts of the clock machinery and the working of the clock had therefore to be suspended

The reflooring of the floors has been entrusted to a contractor and the work will begin without much delay. But for the difficulty of getting steel and timber, the work would have been completed by this time.

It is not likely that the work will be completed before the monsoon is over. To erect 283 ft. scaffolding, which is the height of the Clock Tower Building will take time and entail a lot of work. By September, the 23 ft. dials of the clock will again be in action.

80,000 U. S. CASUALTIES SINCE PEARL HARBOUR

WASHINGTON, May 18

The United States armed forces have lost more than 80,000 men in battle casualties in the 17 months since Pearl Harbour it was stated by officials here on Monday.

The total is expected to be increased by about 5,000 when reports are completed for the last four weeks of the Tunisian campaign.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROBLEMS

In reply to questions, Mr. Cordell Hull said that much work was being done by the State Department in preparation for the meeting of international trade problems after the war, although he agreed that there was little chance that any additional agreements would be made during hostilities

500 PLANES CAN DEFEND CHINA

Senator Chandler of the Military Affairs Committee told Senate that the Japanese could be driven from China if the United States 14th air force was reinforce by 500 planes.

He declares a disaster threatened China unless the American military might was brought to bear on the Senator Wheeler predicted that the feat of Germany would find both England and Russia busy in Europe. "In my judgment the United States is going to be left to fight the Japanese" he said

Roosevelt's Son In Plane Accident

LONDON, May 17.—Allied Headquarters in North Africa: President Roosevelt's son, Colonel Elliot Roosevelt, narrowly escaped serious injury on Sunday when his plane collided with a transport on an airfield near Algiers. Col. Roosevelt was shaken up badly but was uninjured.—Reuter.

Prof. P. A. Wadia Pays Tribute To Allahbux

Prof. P. A Wadia the President of the Freedom Group, has issued the following statement:—

The death of Mr. Allahbux leaves a gap in the ranks of those Indians who place their country above the narrow interests of the community to which they belong by accident of birth As the name of the Azad Moslem Party, of which he was the head signifies he stood for freedom first.

For the sake of his convictions he renounced the titles conferred upon him by his foreign masters very much as Tagore had done a few years ago, although he knew that such a step might cost him dear in the high position that he held as the Premier of Sind. The expected came to pass, when in disregard of well-established constitutional convention, the Governor of Sind dismissed him from his office only to endear him the more to all Indians.

The dastardly outrage on the life of this great Indian has deprived the country of the services of one who was an asset in proving the hollowness of the claims of those who would prefer to see our motherland divided and weak. He died in the prime of his life, but he has left behind him a legacy of unity which we who cherish that unity will do well to follow He has not lived in vain.

On behalf of the Freedom Group, I express the sympathies of the Group as well as my own to the family of the deceased.

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1. The Sir James Fergusson Scholarship in Arts awarded to No. 261.

2. The Sardar Bhimrao Ramrao Akbarnavis Science Scholarship awarded to No. 266.

The Dr. Y. G. Nadgir Scholarship has been awarded to No. 126 in the first M. B., B. S. examination held in April last.

Dr. Malan Charges Smuts With 'Political Chicanery"

CAPETOWN: The Opposition Leader Doctor Malan in an election statement, said: "Our policy if we gain power is to cease active participation in the War and to withdraw our troops for our own defence within our own borders or at least within the borders of South Africa as defined in the Defence Act."

Dr. Malan charged General Smuts with "political chicanery" in swinging South Africa into a khaki election," and taking advantage of the feeling following the expulsion of the Axis from Africa.—Reuter.

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BOMBAY MEDICAL CONGRESS

BOMBAY, May 17.

For the first time in India, Medical Congress to discuss "recent developments in medicine and surgery" which is open to all medical practitioners in the city will be held on June 12th in the Anatomy Lecture Room, Grant Medical College, Bombay. The Congress will meet at 2 p.m.

The Chairmen of the Congress are:—Major-General R. H. Candy, Sir J. N. Duggan, Lt.-Col. A. Jalal Shah and Rao Bahadur Prof. R. G. Motwani.

Leading medical men will address the Congress on subjects such as the role of Vitamin A in haemorrhagic states and hepatic disorders, "Aspects of shock," "recent advance in plague," "chest injuries etc., etc.

At 8-30 p.m. on June 12 there will be an informal dinner for the participants in the Congress. Those desirous of attending the dinner should notify the secretaries of the Congress at B. M. H. Colaba, Bombay, not later than June 1st.—A. P.

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Gold Worth Rs. 100,000 Disappears

The Railway Police are actually searching for a clue to the mysterious disappearance of gold worth a lakh of rupees which is missing since the week-end from a package belonging to a city bank.

A case full of gold ingots of the value of Rs. 1,00,000 was dispatched by rail to its Agra Branch from the Head Office of the Allahabad Bank in Bombay.

The case, it is understood reached the office in good time, but looked as if it had been tampered with. Upon a careful scrutiny of its contents it was discovered that the gold had vanished and instead scrap iron had been substituted. The matter was reported to the police but so far the culprits remain untraced.

DHUBRI: The Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara has issued notices to all license-holders of revolvers and pistols to surrender their revolvers and pistols, as they are required by the military.

Mrs. Renuka Ray On Adult Education

NEW DELHI, May 18.

Adult education should not be confused with adult literacy, urged Mrs. Renuka Ray, member of the Central Assembly, speaking at the annual function of "Shiksha Sadan" (school for adults). Not only, she said, did the adult literate often lapse back into illiteracy in spite of refresher courses and circulating libraries, but a mere literate might be functionally illiterate.

Mrs. Ray went on to emphasise that what an adult needed was "education for life". He must be taught to be a good citizen, who was able to use his thinking power. It was most important that the benefits of adult education should reach women for if the nation was to advance the mothers of the race must be first educated.—A. P.

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BUSINESSMEN WILL RESENT IT

Federation's Warning To Govt. Re: Legislation Involving Dividends

NEW DELHI, May 18.

"Any legislation involving restriction of dividends is bound to affect prejudicially not only the industrial finance in the country, but also the investment market as a whole," point out the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in the course of a communication addressed to the Government of India in the Department of Finance, referring to the statement made by the Hon'ble the Finance Member on the 17th March, 1943, on the floor of the Assembly, that the matter of "restriction of dividends, accompanied by a provision for compulsory savings," was engaging his very close attention.

The Committee further pointed out that, if any such legislation is contemplated, it is bound to be opposed by the Commercial and Industrial Community and resented by the shareholders and the investing public.—A. P.

Tunisia Day

Friday, May 21, having been declared a public holiday in celebration of the victory of the United Nations in Tunisia, the Government of India has requested members of All-India employers' organisations to grant a holiday with pay to their employees on that day, and the Government of Bombay has addressed a similar request to associations of employers in the Province.

The Government of Bombay has not been able to address individual employers who are not members of the associations, but it trusts that these employers will act upon this press note and grant their employees a holiday with pay on Friday, May 21.

For an hour next Friday evening, tanks, guns and fighting vehicles will rumble through 10 miles of Bombay streets in the victory parade in celebration of Tunisia Day.

The procession, itself a mile long, will start from the Band Stand at the Cooperage at 5-30 p.m. Its route will be: Mahatma Gandhi Road, Hornby Road, Victoria Terminus, Crawford Market, Abdul Rehman Street, Bhendi Bazar, Victoria Gardens, Parel Road to Lalbaug, Arthur Road, Jacob Circle, Arthur Road, Lamington Road, Sandhurst Road, Bhendi Bazar, Mahomedali Road, Carnac Road, Dhobi Talao, Cruickshank Road, Waudby Road, Esplanade Maidan.

At the Esplanade Maidan the procession will form up beside the thousands of sailors, soldiers, airmen and men and women war workers for the big rally there. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Sir John Colville, will take the salute at 7 p.m.

TUNISION DAY IN SUBURBS.

The following programme has been adopted for the Tunision Day Celebration in the suburbs:—

10 a. m. Free Cinema shows for children in the cinemas in the Bombay Suburban District. 5 p. m. Victory march of units of His Majesty's Forces, A. R. P. personnel, Civic Guards, etc., (accompanied by music) from Bandra to Andheri. Similar march through Kurla. Free refreshments for the processionists. 8 p. m. Distribution of free food to the poor at Andheri and Bandra. 10 p. m. Free musical entertainment at which cinema stars and dancers will appear The entertainment in Bandra will be in St. Peter's Compound, Hill Road, and in Andheri at a place to be fixed by the Principal, Ismail College, Andheri. The place will be announced in the press later.

Federation Of Indian Chambers Executive

NEW DELHI, May 17.

The Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce will meet in Bombay on June 2.—A. P.

Food Grain Seeds Purchase

During the year 1942-43 a total of Rs. 11,12,000 was placed at the disposal of the officers of the Bombay Agricultural Department for the purchase of improved varieties of food grain seed for sale to cultivators at concession rates, in furtherance of the "Grow More Food" campaign. These concessions cost the Government of Bombay nearly Rs. 4,17,000.

The Government has decided to continue these concessions during the current year, and has authorised the Director of Agriculture to proceed with the purchase of improved seed of food crops at an estimated cost of Rs. 10 lakhs, for supply to cultivators at concession rates. The loss to the Government on account of the concession is estimated at Rs. 3,30,000.

Grants For Approach Roads

The sum of Rs. 1,00,000, provided by the Bombay Government, in the current year's Budget for the construction of approach roads to villages, is to be spent in the districts of the Central and Southern Division, where famine or scarcity prevails, and where recruitment has been large.

Of Rs. 7,96,000 provided in the Budget for grants-in-aid to District Local Boards for local public works, Rs. 2,12,615 has been allotted to the Northern Division (including Bombay Suburban District); Rs. 3,67,010 to the Central Division; and Rs. 2,16,375 to the Southern Division.

An additional sum of Rs. 3,05,000 provided in the Budget includes a grant of Rs. 30,000 for Ratnagiri District Local Board, for the construction of, and repairs to, the Rajapur Musakaji Road. Of the remainder, Rs. 74,035 is allotted to the Northern Division, Rs. 1,25,675 to the Central Division and Rs. 75,290 to the Southern Division.

Rs. 33,000 Collected For Savarkar Purse Fund

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A sum of Rs. 33,000 has so far been collected for presenting a purse to Mr. V. D. Savarkar on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The committee appointed to collect the subscription expects that by June 6, when the presentation ceremony is to take place, the amount will reach Rs. 51,000.—A. P.

City And Suburbs

TO-DAY

Hindu: Vaishakh Shud 15, 1999.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 14, 1362.
Parsi: Adar 17, 1312.
Sunrise: 7-4 a.m., Sunset: 8-5 p.m.
Hightide: 11-46, 23-34.
Lowtide: 5-04, 17-37.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

POSTAL NOTICE:—Friday, the 21st May 1943 will be a Post and Telegraph holiday on account of Tunisia Day.

All the Departments of the Bombay G. P. O. and its Town Sub-Offices, including the telegraph branches will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays.

KARNATAK SANGH STUDY CIRCLE:—Mr. V. M. Inamdar will read a paper on "Literary Criticism in Kannada today" at 9 p.m. at the premises of the Patuck Industrial School, Andheri.

KANNADA PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

It is proposed to form a Kannada Progressive Writers' Association (on an All-Karnataka basis) on the occasion of the 4th All-India Progressive Writers' Conference to be held in Bombay during the 3rd week of this month. A meeting of Kannada writers and those interested in the progress of Kannada life and letters will, therefore, be held on Thursday May 20 at 7 p.m. at the office of the United Karnataka Insurance Co., 1st floor, Bismilla Building opp. Dadar (B. B. C. I.) Station.

PRESS CONFERENCE:—A Press Conference will be held on May 20th at 4-30 p.m. at the Communist Party Headquarters, Raja Bhuwan, Junction of Sandhurst Road and Khetwadi Main Road, when Comrade P. C. Joshi, General Secretary, Communist Party of India will meet Press representatives.

KANNADA HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOMBAY:—The National Kannada Education Society, Bombay will be starting a High School section from 4th June 1943. As a preliminary step, the Society will have this year first and second standards with Kannada language as the medium.

The Society has secured the services as Head Master of Mr. N. N. Magal, B.A., S.T.C. who was connected with the S. I. S. High School, Matunga for the past seven years. This will be the first Institution of this kind in Bombay city to impart Kannada in the High School course.

RENOWNED MUSLIN OF DACCA

The Manager, Khadi Bhandar, All-India Spinners' Association, writes:

The following interesting information has been made available in connection with the fine Muslin piece now on display at the A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, Bombay.

1. Two spinners have laboured for six months each to produce the required yarn.

2. Two weavers engaged themselves for six months each in the production of this piece.

3. The most favourable months for spinning yarn as well as for weaving it into cloth for this kind of piece are the winter and the spring months. The summer months are however unsuitable for either of the activity.

4. The piece mentioned above has been sold off for Rs. 501 and it will be taken off from display on the first of June 1943.

THE BOMBAY SHROFFS ASSOCIATION LTD., have resolved that members of the Bombay Shroffs Association should keep their Hundi and other business closed on Friday 21st instant, being "Tunisia Day".

HIND CYCLES WORKERS ON STRIKE.

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Workers of the Hind Cycles, Limited, Bombay, have gone on strike from to-day as a protest against the attitude of the management not granting adequate dearness allowance.—United Press.

GUNTUR, May 17.

In a recent meeting the Andhra University Syndicate is understood to have passed a resolution to abolish some of the honours Science courses in view of the lack of facilities at Guntur where the University is at present located.—A. P.

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All-India Weather Report

POONA, May 18.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperature and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on May 18, 1943 :—

Allahabad 110 81 1.0; Bombay 94 81 0; Calcutta 95 83 0; Cawnpore 108 80 0; Cuttack 99 82 0; Darjeeling 64 54 0; Delhi 101 72 0; Dehradun 91 nil T; Jacobabad 105 74 0; Karachi 89 80 0; Lahore 97 71 0; Lucknow 109 78 0; Madras 93 91 0; Nagpur 112 84 0; Patna 103 79 0; Peshawar 89 66 0; Shillong 75 60 0.3; Simla 65 44 0.2—A. P.

"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it".

—TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE NEW ORDINANCE

The Ordinance issued by the Government of India yesterday seems to have a very limited scope. It promises to result in an intensification of the social injustice and uneven distribution of governmental burdens as between the several classes of the population, which is unavoidable and inherent in the nature of an alien bureaucracy. The apparent purpose of the new Ordinance is to check the evil of inflation, now admitted, by withdrawing such of the purchasing power in the hands of the public as can be drained away in this manner. Government do not,—perhaps they cannot, or will not,—put the axe at the real root of the mischief. They cannot, or will not, restrict the incessant activity of their printing press, creating more, and ever more, money. They do not, or will not, utilise the opportunity implicit in the Lease-and-Lend and Reciprocal Aid arrangements, said to be under negotiation with America, to solve the problem of price-rise through increase in the medium of exchange. Driven by the insatiate voracity of the war-time profiteer, Indian or foreign, they only aim at withdrawing, by a clumsy mechanism half-heartedly applied, a portion of the additional purchasing power created by themselves, in the hope that, by so doing, they would apply the brake to the rise in prices.

But will they really succeed in this aim? The aggregate Currency Note Issue, according to the latest statement of the Reserve Bank, has passed the 700-crore mark! It is nearly four times as much as the total note issue on the eve of the war. If the estimates of the Excess Profit Tax possible to obtain in the manner now proposed are correct, the Exchequer would be able to withdraw all over India about 100 crores from circulation. We do not know what basis the Finance Member had to put forward this figure. But taking it to be substantially grounded, it will only withdraw less than one-seventh of the total note issue on the circulation,—without counting rupee coin, in circulation, or bank deposits. It assumes, moreover, that all this is paid in the form of currency notes and that no additional notes will be issued by Government. On this point, however, we need have no illusions. The only assurance Sir Jeremy is able to offer is, that "to the extent that money came into Government's coffers, it would not go out into circulation would be less." This cannot mean, by any stretch of imagination, that the process of inflation will stop. Incidentally, we may point out that here is as clear an admission as is possible for the present Government of India to make, about the fact of there being an inflation in the land, sufficiently serious to force Government to take such steps; and not a matter, as the interested tribe of war-time speculators and profiteers have been screeching, of a scarcity of goods! If Government are unable or unwilling to check inflation at the source, if they are unable or unwilling to secure more substantial and valuable backing for the endless paper money they are flooding the country with, by arrangements with the United States for some release of gold or silver, or even replacement of the sterling securities by the dollar securities, we feel extremely sceptic about the efficacy of this measure to affect the situation materially or check price-rise effectively. Our scepticism is founded not merely on the doubts we entertain about the substantial accuracy of the estimate of purchasing power possible to withdraw by this means. So long as the axe is not laid at the real source of the trouble, we cannot, we repeat, feel sanguine about an effective check being in operation. We question, moreover, if the withdrawal by means of the E.P.T. will really result in a reduction of the purchasing power. The E.P.T. affects and concerns, we hold, comparatively a very small proportion of those enjoying the war-time boom. So long as there is no maximum fixed of the profit to be made out of the war-time rise in prices, so long as no ceiling is prescribed to individual incomes during the war, the excess being taxed 100%, there can be no real hope of reducing the volume of purchasing power, which Government even now give no undertaking to restrict. The specific proposals, again, for the assessment and collection of the Excess Profits Tax lean very dangerously, and utterly unjustly, on the side of the large capitalists and heavy profiteers. The new Ordinance *does not* in any way increase the rate of the tax. On the contrary, it offers an additional subsidy to the profiteers at the cost of the general tax-payer! At present Government levy an E.P.T. of 66 2|3%, in addition to 13 and 1|3% of Income-tax and Super-tax, i.e., 80%. Under the new Ordinance, *they seek to immobilise the remaining 20% not to tax it away.* And this they propose to accomplish by demanding a compulsory deposit from the assessee of 13 and 1|3%. Of the 93 and 1|3%, thus taken up by Government, 20% will be credited, so to speak, to the assessee's account, to be refunded to him, *with interest* at 2% per annum, within a year after the end of the war, or 2 years after deposit, whichever is later. But of the amount thus returned, only 13 and 2|3% belong to the assessee. The balance of 6 and 2|3rd%, together with interest, belongs to the general tax-payer, who is thus burdened to benefit a select class of war profiteers. Is this Social Justice, British equity, or only a Jeremiad?

Space will not permit us to discuss in detail the new Defence of India Rule, said to be designed to check the growth of new companies. Reading the provision, however, carefully, we see in that, also, nothing but an inordinate, excessive and unconscionable desire to aid, abet, protect and safeguard the big, vested interests. Government are very careful to add the apology that they have "no intention of handicapping or retarding sound and legitimate industrial development, or expansion calculated to promote the war effort of the country, or to increase production to meet the civil requirements of the community, now or hereafter." An elaborate machinery of Government sanction or consent is provided, which, we may be sure, will be only too easily and readily accessible to the magnates of Clive Street, or the princes of the Cotton Green. If a brake of this kind is needed at all, it is needed rather for the old established large-scale concerns than for the struggling smaller fry. This new Defence of India Rule, however, takes quite the contrary role, and will check competition or restrain individual enterprise where it is most needed and innocuous. So long as the State does not completely socialise all means of production, and conduct all industrial enterprise as public concern, competition of the kind thus restrained is indispensable. Government, however, seem to prefer the other way; and we may yet witness the establishment in India of those gigantic trusts or combines, which virtually monopolise all productive channels, and dictate what suits them to be the policy of the country.

A Great Blow

By breaching the Mohne and Eder Dams in the Ruhr the R.A.F. have suddenly loosed terrific devastation on one of Germany's most vital industrial and communication areas. Something over a quarter of a million tons of water have swept over and flooded the whole region. It is not difficult to imagine the consequent destruction of which some details have already been given. And as the floods spread, so will the destruction. What has been achieved is equivalent to the achievement of a two thousand-bomber raid. Industrial and civil life in the Ruhr may well have been immobilised for many weeks. The effect of such immobilisation on the war effort and the morale of Germany will, indeed, be far-reaching. Equally important will be the result everywhere in Germany, and particularly in German-occupied Western Europe owing to the dislocation of transport and communication facilities. The attack on the two Dams was without doubt the most telling blow yet struck against Germany and, indeed, the Axis from the air. The British are proud of their great success. They have good reason to be. But let us hope they exploit this blow fully and immediately.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Prospects Of Italian Collapse

Speculation is naturally rife about the possibility of an early Italian collapse. Some commentators go to the extent of prophesying that Italy will disintegrate and surrender even before an Allied invasion actually takes place. All these possibilities are —just possibilities. For the present it will be more prudent to proceed on the assumption that Hitler will take every possible step to defend Italy even as he did Tunisia. The cracking of Italy will mark a serious breach in the ramparts of the fortress of Europe and for that reason alone we must not be over-optimistic and complacent regarding the Italian collapse. Even if Italy may represent the soft underside of Europe, a hard struggle lies before the Allies before Hitler lets go his hold over it.

Turkey And The War

The "New York Times" thinks that, as a result of recent developments in the war against the Axis, two important events are brewing which may change the whole picture of the war with dramatic suddenness. One of them is, of course, the possibility of an early collapse of Italy and the other the likelihood of Turkey now entering the war on the side of the Allies. Turkey's policy of consistent alliance with the British, the outspoken statements of sympathy for the Allied cause by her newspapers and the increasing scale of Lend-Lease assistance to her from America and Britain all render such a possibility plausible. Moreover, there must also be a natural temptation to share in the war in order to share in the peace. But Turkey has also been consistent in her policy of actual neutrality. It is, therefore, yet a matter of conjecture whether or not Turkey would "come in." As the American paper itself points out, "there are few who could pretend to divine the ultimate purpose of her leaders."

Unjustifiable Complacency

The Finance Member told a Press Conference the other day that a "colossal" quantity of small coins was being poured out by Government and no two or three other countries put together were minting on the scale on which India was minting. It has lately become a fashion for Government to describe increases proportionally without mentioning the exact increases. There may be some military justification for not publishing an exact increase in the Army or Navy, but where is the harm in stating the amounts of small coins recently turned out and the requirements of the country? Despite the "colossal" quantities turned out by Government the difficulty about coins for three pies, six pies and even about one anna coins is as great to-day in a city like Bombay as it has been for months past. The Finance Member says that in some parts of the country the small coin position is reasonable. We do not know the position near about Government offices. But we should like to know where else it is reasonable.

'A Phase Of The Indian Struggle' —Not Prejudicial Report

Allahabad High Court Acquits Press Manager

(THROUGH A. P. & U. P.)

ALLAHABAD, May 18.

Holding that the book entitled "A Phase of the Indian Struggle" by Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, an ex-Minister of Bengal, is not a 'prejudicial report,' the City Magistrate of Allahabad, sitting as Special Magistrate under the Special Criminal Court Ordinance, acquitted yesterday the Manager and another employee of a local bookshop of the charge under Rule 39 of the Defence of India Rules of being in possession of seven copies of the book in question to be a prejudicial report.

During the course of his judgment, the Magistrate observed: "This book has been studied by me from cover to cover. It contains a series of letters addressed by the author to His Excellency the Governor of Bengal and H. E. the Viceroy. Besides these letters, it contains a short criticism of the Cripps' Proposals and the record of a speech made by the author. There is nothing in any of the contents except the letter of resignation of the author from the Ministry which can even be remotely construed as passages which come within the definition of prejudicial report. Attention is thus fixed on his letter of resignation and in respect of this, I have before me a certified copy of the judgment of the Bombay High Court in respect of this very letter of resignation in which it is clearly held that there is nothing in the letter of resignation which can be construed as 'prejudicial report' in the absence of any view contrary to this held by the Hon. Allahabad High Court. I am bound by the findings of the Bombay High Court and accordingly I hold that since the book—"a phase of Indian struggle" is not a prejudicial report no offence has been committed by the accused."

Delhi Blacksmiths Get 3½ Years' R. I.

NEW DELHI, May 18.

Ramcharan, Shivdayal and Dinanath, three local blacksmiths were sentenced to three and half years' R. I. for alleged manufacturing bombs, by the City Magistrate.

The prosecution story was that police party led by Superintendent of Police raided the house of the blacksmiths in January last and recovered bombshells, needles, pins and other material from the house which the accused are reported to be using for preparing bombs.

GUJARAT VIDYAPITH PROPERTY ATTACHED

AHMEDABAD, May 18.

Revenue officials have attached the movable property of the Gujerat Vidyapith for default of land revenue payment of Rs. 64 which it is stated the Vidyapith authorities did not make, in spite of repeated notices, during the last four months.

WANTED OUTLAW TRACED BY ALLAHABAD POLICE

ALLAHABAD, May 18.

One constable of the District Intelligence Staff of Allahabad was shot at by a 'wanted' man whom the C.I.D. had been shadowing for days past and at last discovered him cycling along on the Queen's Road, Allahabad, yesterday.

Being challenged by the constables Ishar Hussain and Ali Hussain, the 'wanted' man opened fire with a revolver and wounded Ishar Hussain and took cover in a bungalow nearby.

By this time the police ring was drawn closer and the Superintendent of Police, the City Police officials and others combed the Civil Lines locality house by house and found the man incognito in another bungalow. His shirt and revolver were recovered after a search in the bushes and hedges.

A reward of Rs. 750 has been sanctioned by the Deputy Inspector-General of Police to the constables.

REFUGEES IN HOLKAR STATE

INDORE, May 18: The Government of His Highness, the Maharaja Holkar have agreed to surrender to British India offenders against the Crown Representative's Police Force Law, 1939, who take refuge in the Holkar State territory.

The procedure to be observed will be the same as in ordinary extradition cases.

MANMAD COMMUNISTS ARRESTED

NASIK, May 18: Mr. B. D. Chowdhuri, a Communist, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules at Manmad, along with five others states a report received from Manmad.

Mr. S. H. Akolkar, a student, who was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment on the charge of possessing an explosive substance, was acquitted by the District and Sessions Judge on appeal.

Mr. P. V. Takle, a pleader, who was convicted by the City Magistrate on various counts, has preferred an appeal, and has been released on bail. Mr. Vijay Deshmukh and his brother who are undergoing trial following the recovery by the police in a search, of some incriminating articles from their residence, have also been released on bail.

ARRESTS AT MIRAJ

MIRAJ, May 18.

Murlidhar D. Nazare, a tailor of Nipani, has been arrested.

Ramchander V. Rotithor, who was detained since December last, has been released.

Sardul Singh's Case To Go To Federal Court

LAHORE, May 18

The petition for an order in the nature of 'Habeas Corpus' requiring the production in the court of Mr. Sardul Singh Caveeshar, President of the Forwar Bloc and setting him at liberty was dismissed to-day by Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir of the Lahore High Court.

His Lordship, however, granted a certificate under Section 205 of the Government of India Act for an appeal to the Federal Court.—A. P.

Zinc Recovery

Thousands of tons of vital zinc and lead ore are being brought into production with the aid of sensitive instruments developed by American engineers. By amplifying sub-audible noises that warn of impending earth falls, these instruments make it possible to recover with safety, zinc and lead now tied up in old mine pillars that have been left standing during earlier mining operations.

The instruments consist mainly of two sensitive vibration microphones which are placed in bores near the pillar to be removed; amplifiers and earphones for the observer; and finally a graphic recorder in which sound waves are registered on sensitized paper. They estimate the pressure on pillars and determine whether or not it is safe to remove them.

Last year the United States produced 7,35,768 of tons of zinc. This year much more will be mined to be used in a long list of essential war materials.—USOWI.

Compulsory Saving And No New Taxation

CITY CIRCLES CONSIDER E. P. TAX ORDINANCE AS ANTI-INFLATIONARY MOVE

Proposals as given out in the new Ordinance relating to excess profit tax were fairly well received in the city business circles.

Mr. K. R. P Shroff, President of the Stock Exchange welcomed the new Ordinance regarding the Excess Profit Tax, and thought that it would enable the Government to collect taxes, which they badly needed now. It would also he thought strengthen the position of the companies after the war.

Mr Haridas Madhavdas, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber was of opinion that the effect of the Ordinance would be a temporary set-back in prices, but he did not think that this would have a permanent effect.

It was, according to him, an anti-inflationary measure.

Mr. K. R. P Shroff interviewed by a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle" said:

The significance of the new Ordinance regarding Excess Profits Tax has not been properly understood by the general public The announcement is not of a fresh addition to the E. P. T.; which on the contrary is reduced from one point of view. The 13-1|3% demanded is not by way of a tax. It is only a deposit with Government which will be returned with interest on the termination of hostilities. Over and above this 13-1|3% Government will return 6-2|3% E.P.T. Thus, in effect, the actual E.P.T will be 60% and the balance of 20% will be a deposit. Under existing arrangements such an option exists and this option has now been made compulsory. Many Companies have already taken advantage of this option, so that the new Ordinance is not likely to affect the dividends they will declare. As regards other Companies who have so far not exercised this voluntary option, the situation will not be very different because the amount of compulsory deposit will be paid by them out of the funds they now allocate for the different reserves.

NO NEW TAXATION

Mr Haridas Madhavdas, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber interviewed, by a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle" stated that there was no new taxation in the new Ordinance. It was according to him an anti-inflationary measure with a little deflationary effect for the time being.

According to the new Ordinance, deposits made to the Government on a voluntary basis were now made compulsory. To collect taxes and excess profit taxes as quickly as possible was according to Mr. Haridas Madhavdas, the object of the new Ordinance and the amount collected might be between 50 and 60 crores of rupees.

The effect of the new Ordinance, according to him, would be a temporary set-back in prices for a couple of months, but he did not think that this would have a permanent effect.

A Devoted Son Of Islam And Hind

That was the late lamented Allahbux of sweet memory. The nationalist cause has sustained a great blow by his tragic death. Let all true lovers of Hindu-Muslim unity in all our Municipalities, Local and District Boards and Village Panchayats take the first opportunity of putting on their records the meritorious services of Allahbux in the cause of communal unity, and thus keep before our people the great ideal for which the departed leader strove and struggled and suffered unto the end.

B. F. BHARUCHA.

Rise In Prices

Following is the table showing the rise in the necessities of life from and onwards 1940 to to-day in 1943.

Commodity.	Price before war upto 1940 Rs. a. p.
Wheat per paylee	0 6 0
Bajri per paylee	0 4 6
Juwari per paylee	0 4 0
Rice No. 1 per paylee	0 8 0
Toordal per paylee	0 8 6
Oil Sweet per quarter	3 0 0
Ghee per quarter	18 0 0
Gur per quarter	4 0 0
Sugar per lb.	0 1 9
Tea per lb	0 7 0
Coal per quarter	0 8 0
Fuelwood per khandi	5 0 0
Onions dry per quarter	0 7 0
Potatoes per lb.	0 1 0
Milk per lb.	0 4 0
Gram per khandi	35 0 0
Masur per khandi	45 0 0

Commodity.	Price to-day in 1943. Controlled and fair. Rs. a. p.
Wheat per paylee	1 2 0
Bajri per paylee	0 11 0
Juwari per paylee	0 13 0
Rice No. 1 per paylee	1 7 0
	but not of the same quality.
Toordal per paylee	1 12 0
Oil Sweet per quarter	14 0 0
Ghee per quarter	56 0 0
Gur per quarter	9 0 0
Sugar per lb.	0 3 3
Tea per lb.	1 6 0
Coal per quarter	1 6 0
Fuelwood per khandi	16 0 0
Onions dry per quarter	1 12 0
Potatoes per lb	0 3 6
Milk per lb.	0 10 0 to 0 12 0
Gram per khandi	115 0 0
Masur per khandi	110 0 0

From the above you will see, that each and every article of food has risen from 200 per cent to 500 per cent., and still we have the Price Controller and a Food Council and a large staff of Experts and Civilians in the Food Department of the Government of India and the Local Civil Secretariat, who have miserably failed to check the rise in the prices of foodstuffs.

DEVJI RATTONSEY.

Queue Scandal At G. I. P. Dadar

G. I. P. station authorities once carried a reputation of serving to the needs of passengers, local and mofussil, promptly and diligently. They seem to lose it fast nowadays. Of late, Dadar G. I. P. station has been earning more than enough notoriety in catering tickets for Kalyan and intermediate station passengers. People have to wait every day for hours together scorching in the sun in long queues extending upto the middle-gate of the Railway Cross Bridge. Kalyan locals touch Dadar after every hour or so. When one misses a train, he has to wait for another hour, provided of course he is so fortunate as to get a ticket, which in fact, he gets not for hours together. Half the portion of the cross bridge has since long been invariably occupied by the hawkers, and the remaining half is now covered by the queue-wallahs. Thus the usual passers-by have to trace out a space for their feet through these two strong congestions.

I pray to the higher G. I. P. authorities to look into this scandal at once and open more local booking windows to stop this sorrowful spectacle of long, long queues.

May I also draw the attention of the Police authorities to the scandal of the hawkers who have made the whole length of the Cross Bridge as their "Inamdari" place to hawk their wares?

K. S. THACKERAY.

Allabukhsh Soomro

An Appreciation

(BY HATIM A. ALAVI).

KARACHI,

If the assassins were only hirelings, as they well might have been, little would they have realised that the bullets which they fired, besides hitting successfully their target, would pass through the hearts of countless number of friends and admirers of Allahbukhsh all over India, among all castes and creeds. Our Province is under the shadow of a deep gloom and it is difficult for some of us, who had the inestimable privilege of friendship and comradeship with Allahbukhsh, to write or speak with restraint or to assess the loss which the country has suffered in this tragic death or even to review a life which had been lived in silent service and which was so pregnant with innumerable possibilities.

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It is true the world at large heard of Allahbukhsh when, as Leader of the Sind United Party, he was called to form a Government in 1938, and when he became the Premier of Sind. He was then at the psychologically important age of 40. Soon after being sworn in at Government House, he motored to the house of a friend. We found him in an extraordinarily depressed mood which was very unusual with him and which appeared inexplicable, in view of the fact that he had just become the Premier of Sind. A Muslim scholar of renown who was present said: "Forty is the age when those whom God chooses are called to Prophethood or to Martyrdom for a cause" Allahbukhsh was 'Jacques Bonhommie' to us and we paid little heed to these words which were piercing the limitation of time.

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From 1938, upto the well-known episode at the end of last year, Allahbukhsh continued to be at the helm of affairs in Sind, whether as a Premier, an ordinary Minister or a Leader of the Opposition. I hope I am avoiding the partiality of a friend when I say that every one, the officials and the people, Hindus and Muslims, all recognised that here was a man of exceptional ability and clarity of thinking. He was a great hand at handling files and I have known him sitting with them from early morning to late at night. He worked by fits and starts and, after spending a dozen consecutive hours with files, he would not look at any of them for the next fortnight! His lunch hour was punctually anywhere between ten in the morning and six in the evening. Sometimes, he would return home after a hard day at the Secretariat and immediately go to sleep. Whenever he woke up, which would sometimes be in the small hours of the morning, he would call for his dinner. I am recalling these eccentric details of life, in face of the grim tragedy of his death, because of all the men that I have so far known, Allahbukhsh had transcended most, the shackles of time.

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If there was one man in the public life of the country completely and utterly free from any communal prejudice, it was Allahbukhsh. In this, he ranked higher than any body else. The Socialists, the Communists, and Congressites like Jawaharlal Nehru, may be free from communal prejudices but they are conscious of and fully alive to the realism of communalism and know that, whether they like it or not, they have to deal with it. Allahbukhsh's upbringing, development and atmosphere in which he lived were such that he could never understand the conflict between Hindus and Muslims and he, therefore, made the very big mistake of thinking that it did not exist. As a matter of fact, like Jamshed Nusserwanji, he could never understand persons or people quarrelling over any thing when the better way of appreciating each other's point of view and meeting them half way always existed.

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If there were Zamindars like Allahbukhsh, the class conflict might never arise or at least never come to a head. Three years ago, he was opening a maternity home at Sujawal in the Karachi District in his official capacity as the Premier. I motored down with him to the place where as soon as we got out of the car, a guard of honour was awaiting him. He passed the line of police constables with open bayonets with a hesitant and shy demeanour and then we passed on to the bungalow where we were to rest. The sentries paraded in front of the bungalow. We had a wash and then, to my consternation, Allahbukhsh put his hand round the waist of his Hindu chauffeur Lala and both of them, like the good friends that they were, passed the sentries and went out for a stroll. On the 1st of February last year, he was attending a meeting of the National Defence Council and both of us travelled together to New Delhi. He had a Hindu servant with him who was going up north for the first time and did not have sufficient warm clothing with him. After the night journey from Lahore, he came to his master's compartment at New Delhi, all shivering with cold. We were having a cup of tea and when Allahbukhsh saw the man, he at once took off his big coat and held it up for the servant to wear.

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In the heat of moment or the thick of fight and both such occasions were many in his life, he never once said an unkind word for his opponents. Gandhiji's doctrine of Ahimsa as many others of Gandhiji's political and economic theories made a profound impression on him and he tried to live by these according to the best of his light. Not being too fond of the printed word, I was surprised to find him one day reading Aldous Huxley's "Ends and Means" from which he had taken out copious extracts justifying some of the peculiar doctrines of Gandhiji.

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As I said above, his life fraught with many beautiful possibilities, has been so shockingly terminated. He is the third member of the Sind Assembly to have been murdered. Murderers of Mr. Pamnani, M.L.A and Mr Sitaldas, M.L.A., have gone scot free. So have the murderers of Sind's greatest poet-singer, Bhai Kanwal, and of many other citizens besides. It is significant that our dear departed leader and friend was shot at and killed a few steps away from the police chowkey and the desperadoes, all of whom were on foot, got away in broad daylight. Only a fortnight ago, one notorious character willing to be hired for any desperate work, openly threatened to kill a well-known man in public life of the Province. This was brought to the notice of a District Superintendent of Police by a responsible person and yet nothing has been done to take any action against this "gunda" who has previous criminal convictions to his credit.

When all round us, the forces of darkness and anarchy are raising their heads there is only one man in the whole of the Province who has an unflinching determination to keep order and to preserve the law. Fortunately he has the power of the State behind him and having the giant's strength, he is using it as a giant in the interest of Law, Order and progress in the Province. It is, therefore, to H. E. Sir Hugh Dow, the Governor of Sind, that the people of the Province will now look up to bring to book the perpetrators and culprits of this dastardly murder.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, May 17: An appeal to Mr. Winston Churchill to throw open the gates of Palestine to Jews is made to-day in a two-page advertisement in the Washington "Post" by the American committee for the creation of a Jewish army.

—Reuter.

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The Hon. Dr. N. B. Khare declares that as long as there was life in him he would endeavour his utmost to guard the honour of his motherland.

Then his expectation of life as Overseas Member is very short.

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Apropos of Mr. Louis Fischer's speech, the publication of which should have been banned in India we must first of all protest. Mr. Fischer has no right to quote our Viceroy's words directly or indirectly.

Having lodged that preliminary objection, let us congratulate Mr. Fischer on quoting the Viceroy as also the Vicereine. And the General, too.

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The Home Guard (in Britain) sprang into existence at Hitler's threat of invasion just as "Napoleon's banners at Boulogne" armed in Britain "every free man."

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—"The Times of India"

Admirable, admirable. But must patriotic Britons indiscreetly recall such history and historical quotations in India?

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Our contemporary, however, recovered later from patriotic overexuberance and quoted Mr. Churchill's current description of Britain as "power house and directing centre of the whole British Commonwealth."

You see, the Premier had also added "....and the Empire" which our contemporary wisely—er—forgot.

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In an election statement Doctor Malan is reported to have countercharged Field-Marshal Smuts with "political chicanery."

This pot-and-kettle business of the African Whites is highly interesting.

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The British Air Ministry announces the great news that the R. A. F. has breached the two biggest dams in Germany.

Guilty, gentle reader. We were about to work the other word in but we won't now.

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The Japanese, we note, have accused the Americans of using poison gas in the Aleutians.

Now we don't need any statement from Washington that operations in Attu are proceeding quite satisfactorily. The Jap allegation is reassuring enough.

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A woman went to a surgeon to have the shape of her nose altered and was told that his fee would be a hundred guineas.

"A hundred guineas!", she cried: "isn't there some way of doing it would be less expensive?"

"Well, Madam," replied the surgeon, "you could try walking into a lamppost."

REOPENING OF MEDITERRANEAN

What It Would Mean

(BY MAJOR GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT)

NEW YORK, May 16 (By Cable).

"The reopening of the Mediterranean might be expected to affect the Far Eastern strategy of the United Nations, particularly a possible future offensive from India directed at Burma and reopening communications with our Chinese allies," New York "Herald Tribune's" military analyst writes today. "The conquest of Sicily and Sardinia by Allied forces would not only increase the security of Mediterranean convoys, but would also afford opportunity for the destruction of the Italian naval bases, thus taking the Italian fleet out of the world picture and permitting the transfer of the British Mediterranean fleet from the Mediterranean to the Far East.

"A considerable number of British submarines operating in the Mediterranean are no longer needed for the purpose of stopping the movement of Axis supplies to Africa, and many may now become available for operations against the Japanese sea lanes in the Far East.

"However, the reopening of the Mediterranean may well have other far-reaching effect on Allied strategy. Field Marshal Wavell and his associates of the Indian High Command may not be in Washington solely for the purpose of discussing what may happen in Burma next October. India occupies a central position in South Asia. It is a great sub-continent with one face turned to China and the Far East while the other is turned to Iran and the Middle East.

"The reopening of the Mediterranean greatly strengthens the Allied position in the Middle East and will permit much more to be done in that part of the world than was hitherto possible. As an example it will enable the oil resources of Iran and Iraq to be more rapidly and efficiently distributed. It will enable supplies for Russia to be delivered to Persian Gulf ports with far less expenditure of tonnage than is required at present."

"If Italy is knocked out of the war so that Italian troops are no longer available for garrison duty on the Balkan Peninsula, the Germans might find it too difficult to maintain positions there, and this would certainly lessen the enthusiasm of the Bulgarians for a German alliance. Likewise German ability to act decisively in the Balkans would be much diminished if they had to fight in some other part of Western or Southern Europe at the same time. —USOWI

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CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SHARES: The new Ordinance was a surprise to the market and prices recovered big declines. There was more or less sentimental effect although the new measure is believed to be anti-inflation. The opening decline induced moderate supply and prices recovered. The general opinion does not make any bearish outlook however temporarily the market may have to adjust to new changes. Tata Steel Dfds. which closed yesterday at Rs. 1,930 were quoted around Rs. 1,850 but later sharply recovered to Rs. 1,920 and steadied at Rs. 1,910. Ordinary shares after declining to Rs. 382 improved to Rs. 394 and steadied at Rs. 391. Bombay Dyeings which closed at Rs. 2,120 were quoted to-day at Rs. 2,010 but rallied to Rs. 2,050. Century shares after declining to Rs. 894 improved to Rs. 920. Kohinoors came down to Rs. 900 level but recovered to Rs. 931. This shows that the drop was followed by moderate buying and there was no anxiety to unload.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Mills 603/12; Apollo Mills 6/9; Bharat Mills 109; Bom. Dyeing 2052/8; Cent. India 512; Century 922; Colaba 293; Dawn 1600; E. D. Ordy. 24/9; E. D. Defd. 4/10; Edward Sassoon 680; Elphinstone 117; Finlay xd 392; Gokak 403; Hindustan 4750. Ind. Manfg. 4825; Ind. Bleaching 260; Indore Malwa 1565, Khatau 677/6. Koninoor 934. Lakshmi 1775, Madhowji 35; Minerva 280; Model Nagpur 410; Madhusudan 665; Meyer Sassoon 253/12; Morarji 1130; Mysore 325; New City 470; New Great 510; Phoenix 900; Podar Mills 385; Sassoon Spg. 33; Sassoon Silk 121; Shri Nivas 480; Sholapur 11000; Simplex 356; Svadeshi xd 816; Swan 360; Tata Mills 93; Vishnu 2935; Western India 4000.

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HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmedabad 196/4; Ajmere 14/12; And. Valley Ord. 1825; Bom. Suburban 195; Bom. Tram Ord. xd 152; Broach 14; Karachi 296/4. Poona 305/4; Surat 106/4; Surat New Rs. 50/pd. prem. 70; Tata Hydro Ord. 195/8; Tata Hydro Ord. 1780.

BANK: Baroda Bank 127; Bank of India 172; Central Bank 65; Imperial Bank F. P. 1755; Imperial Bank P. P. 437; Reserve 110; Union 7/14.

MISCELLANEOUS GROUP: Alembic Chem. 380; Alcock Ashdown 907/8; Asso. Cement 237/12; Belapur 242; Bom. Burma Old 320; Bom. Burma New 105; B. B. Petrol 2/14; Bom. Steam 560; Radio Ord. 472/8; Radio Defd. 442/8; Invest. Trust 62; Prem. Const 173; Port Canning 95/8; Scindia 32/8; Shivrajpur 68/8; Tata Ordy. 393. Tata Defd. 1916/4; Tata Chem. 37/2; Tata Oil 90; Wimco 360; Burma Corp. 2/7; Bic Ordy. 6/4; Indian Copper 2/8; Indian Iron 34/10; Steel Corp. 25/12; New Vict. Ord. 10/4.

COTTON:—The weakness shown by the local market yesterday was carried further to-day and prices recorded further drop. In the early hours cotton declined to Rs. 625 but the market opened at 1 p.m. at Rs. 636 at a decline of Rs. 14 as compared with official closing. There was moderate covering and selling and prices fluctuated between Rs. 634 and Rs. 638. The market was unsettled but moderate covering improved prices to Rs. 643. At this level there was professional selling and prices declined to Rs. 638. Later on there was increased selling by bullion operators and prices declined to Rs. 630. Prices further dropped to Rs. 622 on heavy nervous unloading. At this lavel there was scattered covering and prices rallied to Rs. 628. The market closed at 6 p.m. with May Rs. 619/8 and July was Rs. 624/8.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03-3/4 at New York. London spot and forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The Government anti-inflationary measure had bearish effect but the drop attracted buyers. Gold declined to Rs. 91 and Silver were as low as Rs. 130. At these low quotations there was considerable covering and prices rallied to Rs. 92-8 for gold while Silver was quoted at Rs. 132. Tone was very steady. Ready gold Rs. 92-12. Vaishakh Rs. 92-8. Ready Silver Rs. 133/8. Vaishakh Rs. 132. Prices further improved and all the declines were fully recovered but later on the Board decided not to allow trading in Jeth delivery. This was followed by general selling and prices eased off. Closing quotations Ready Gold Rs. 91/6, Vaishakh Rs. 91/6, Ready Silver Rs. 133/12. Vaishakh Rs. 132.

SEEDS: The local seeds market was nervous at the opening and sharp decline in prices attracted buyers. Groundnuts August after declining to Rs. 126-4 advanced to Rs. 128-2 while Castorseeds September were quoted at Rs. 119. Linseed September after declining to Rs. 15-2-9 recovered to Rs. 15-6-9 and tone was steady.

Closing quotations:
Groundnuts May Rs. 123, 124/4, 124. Groundnuts August Rs. 127/4, 129/12, 126/4, 129/2.
Castorseeds May Rs. 113/8.
Castorseeds Sept. Rs. 117/8. 120, 119.

Madras Share Bazar

Deccan Big 312/8 sd; Deccan small 78 cd; India Sugar 14/8; Mysore Sugar 64; South India 14/2; Travancore 17/10 Cochin Malabar 20/12; Chembia Peaks 14/4; Coorg 82; Cochin 227/12 Frinfords 20/4; High Produce 45/8 xr; Kalpettas 48; Kalasa 12/10; Malankara 103/8; Midland 23/14 cd; Nenmeny 27 cd; Nellithnam 19/12; Nellipathy Hill 9; Ouchteriony 16; Peermade 49; Peninusiar 11/10; Periakarmalia 33/8; Rajagiri 20/4; Vaikundam 24/12; Vellanmaiai 26/8; Vellitam 41/8.

Bangalore Wol 394; B. and C. ordy 18/8; Balasubramania 200; Cambodia 45/8; Coimbatore Spg. 359; Coimbatore Murugan 345; Coimbatore Murugan New 1,989; Coimbatore Pioneer 500 Dhanal Laxmi 608; Janardhana 258 Kaleeswarar 730; Kothari 39; Lakshmi 309; Lakshmi New 162; Mettur 37 Madura 69; Pankaja 363; Palani Andavar 262; Rajalakshmi 32g; Radhakrisna 470; Ragnavill's 255; Vasntha 78.—A. P.

EXCELLENT SUGAR SEASON

Consumption Quotas Of Provinces Revised And Increased

SIMLA, May 18.

The sugar season 1942-43 is about to close. Nine factories still continue crushing. Total production of factory sugar exceeds last year's production by 35 per cent, and amounts to ten lakhs, seventy thousand tons. Considerable diversion of cane for gur manufacture occurred on account of relatively high prices of jaggery, especially in Bengal, the Punjab, Madras, South Bihar and Western U.P., but fortunately the exceptionally favourable season in Eastern U. P. and North Bihar has produced sufficient sugar for all our requirements.

Consumption quotas of Provinces have been revised and increased in view of favourable production position. The transport position especially from the surplus provinces, United Provinces and Bihar has been even more satisfactory than in the ore-war period, and two lakhs, thirty-seven thousand,, tons out of five lakhs twenty thousand tons surplus or about forty-five per cent of exportable surplus had moved out of the United Provinces and Bihar by May 7.

Sugar supply position continues to be satisfactory in the consuming centres and sugar is available at controlled prices. Total amount in stock with factories is over six and a half lakh tons.—A. P.

Gangulee's Memorandum On Food Problem

(From A Special Correspondent).

LONDON May 18.

Representatives of forty countries are meeting in the United States today to discuss how production of food can be increased after the war and how food produced can be directed into consumption, and will receive Dr. Gangulee's memorandum on the Indian food problem and how to combat the present conditions and the post-war solution of the entire Indian food problem.

This unofficial report compiled by Dr. Gangulee, it is expected, would be an eye-opener to many delegates.

Calcutta Market Rules Easier

CALCUTTA, May 18.

Decidedly an easier tendency ruled on the Stock Exchange today due to the imposition of a higher excess profit-tax by the Government. Almost all the speculative stocks met with high selling pressure and prices dropped to a considerable extent from their last levels. Government securities kept firm and unchanged.

Today's final transactions up to 3 p.m.:—

COTTONS:—Benares cotton 13/4; Cawnpore Textiles 28/8; Dunbar 288; Elgin Mills 80; New Victoria 10/6.

COALS: Bengal 445; Burrakur 14/8; Equitable 36/14; New Berbhoom 19/11; Parasea 3; Talcher 3/8.

JUTES: Anglo-India 390 s lot, Budge Budge 407; Champdany 214; Howrah 62/3; Kamarhatty 545; Nuddea 93/8; Presidency 6/9.

MININGS: Burma Corpn 2/9; Consolidated Tin 1/7; Indian Copper 2/8; Indian Iron and Steel 34/11; Marshalls 3/8; Steel Corpn 25/11.

MISCELLANEOUS: Aluminium Corpn 18/14; B. I. Corporation Ordy 6/4; Calcutta Trams 21; Indian Paper Pulp 191; Star Paper 22/2; Titaghur Paper 24/12; Midnapore Zemindary 81/8; Carew & Co. 17/13; Ramnugger Cane 11/2; Raza 43; U. P. Sugar 21/8.

Ahmedabad Share Market

AHMEDABAD, May 18.

Closing rates:—Calico Rs. 1606; Ammika Rs. 737; Saraspur Rs. 660; Marsdan Rs. 306; Monogram Rs. 254; Jupiter Rs. 515.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, May 18.

On Monday cotton edged forward in New York on small trade price fixing associated with Government textile orders and covering which encountered only light scale up hedge selling and liquidation. Outside interest remains dormant pending the outcome of the coal dispute and further developments abroad.

July opened at a rise of 5 points at 19.79 and declined to 19.76. At the level there was improved buying and prices advanced to 19.88. The market closed at a rise of 3 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices gained 9 points at 21.82c per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES

New York July (12-10 p.m.)	highest	19-88+14
New York July (10-6 a.m.)	lowest	19-76+02

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, May 17.

I. C. C. May highest 660, lowest 636, closing at 6 p.m. 639-1/2.

I. C. C. July highest 673 lowest 646, closing at 6 p.m. 651.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, May 17.

July	19.82+08
October	19.58+09
December	19.45+05
Middling Spot	21.82+09

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, May 17.

July	20.10+02
October	19.87+03
December	19.72+03
Middling Spot	20.60—

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, May 17.

July	19.85
October	19.60
December	19.45

LONDON SILVER
London, May 17.

Spot	25-1/2
Forward	25-1/2
London Gold, Fine per oz	£8-8-0

LONDON WHEAT
London, May 17.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe 25/6 May-June quoted.

Wheat *Australian 28/6 May/June quoted.

Not Solely British

Indian Problem And U. S. Responsibility

LONDON, May 17.

The people of the United States "have a great duty and responsibility to fulfil in meeting the challenge posed by India," writes Miss Kate L. Mitchell authoress of the book 'India American View.'

Miss Mitchell who is a member of the International Secretariat of the Institute of Pacific Relations says: "Education in the meaning and responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic world should not be postponed until after the war is over: It is an essential for Victory over Fascist Domination as it is for the establishment of peace.

These arguments apply with special pertinence to the Indian people whose success or failure to achieve unity, freedom and social progress cannot but have a profound effect upon the whole future of Asia."

Referring to the Cripps' plan Miss Mitchell says, "It was indeed far more specific than the previous vague pledges regarding Indian self-Government at some future unspecified date. There were however a number of points in the plan which were disappointing"

Miss Mitchell after reviewing the secession clause in the plan says that so far as British India is concerned "there is reason to assume that the British proposal would not have led to a division of India on Hindu-Muslim lines."

Speaking of British rule in India, Miss Mitchell says, "Indisputably Britain has done a great deal for India. No one can deny the vital and constructive role played by Britain in laying the foundations for India's material progress in a modern world but the fact remains that the British did not complete their work.

They destroyed the foundations of the old self-sufficient economy but were unwilling to complete the construction of a new one to take its place."

Of Mr. Gandhi Miss Mitchell says his "outstanding contribution to the cause of Indian freedom is that he gave millions of India new self-confidence, new hope and thought, the value of effectiveness of mass action."

Yet she says, "The political history of India since 1919 may in fact be characterised as Mr. Gandhi led and Mr. Gandhi misled."

Miss Mitchell concludes, "Most of the American press comment was severely critical of Maulana Azad's appeal for American intervention, but it was nevertheless clear that the problem of India had definitely ceased being solely an Indian or British problem.—Reuter.

Allahbaksh Murder In Karachi Corporation

KARACHI, May 18.

The Karachi Municipal Corporation at its meeting this evening adopted a condolence resolution touching the death of the late Mr. Allahbaksh, ex-Premier of Sind and adjourned its meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

The resolution which was moved by Mayor Lala Shambunath 'inter alia' stated that the Corporation was fully confident that the Government was taking every possible measure to trace the perpetrators of this "dastardly and inhuman outrage" and bring the culprits to book—A. P.

Sir Azizul Haque's Assurance

CALCUTTA, May 18.

An assurance that he would spare no pains in finding a way out of the present difficulties facing the country in so far as they related to matters within his purview was given by Sir Azizul Haque, Commerce and Food Member of the Government of India, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by Mr Abdur Rahman Siddiqi, editor of the "Morning News", Calcutta.

Sir Azizul Haque admitted that he was in charge of two portfolios which, each in its own way, was of as great importance in post-war reconstruction as in the present. While he would assure them of his best efforts in facing the problems before them, he would also point out that they had to contend against inevitable difficulties. Sir Azizul left for Delhi to-day.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 18th May 1943. Total amount offered was Rs. 12,79,75,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-11-9 were allotted approximately 82 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Eight Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 1-1-0 per cent per annum.

During the week ended 14th May 1943, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 10,64,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

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DEBENTURES WILL CEASE TO CARRY INTEREST FROM 1ST JUNE, 1943, and will be redeemed on being surrendered duly discharged at the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner,
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Municipal Offices,
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PIPE CONTROL ORDER, 1942

THE ATTENTION of all Stockists, Producers and Importers of controlled categories of Pipes is drawn to the Pipe Control Order, 1942, published in the Gazette of India Notification No. 1136, dated 25-11-42. Cases are still coming to the notice of Government of failure to submit to the Pipe Controller the prescribed returns and it is hereby notified that such cases will not in future be condoned in any circumstances, but will result in prosecution under the Defence of India Rules.

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B. J. DIVAN,
Secretary. 4565

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. GOVINDJI LALJI JOBANPUTRA, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

That any person or persons having any claim, right, title, or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind House, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

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ALL that piece or parcel of land or Oart called 'Panghaw' of Mahim Pension and Tax Tenure, situate at Dadar Agripada on the West side of the Mahim Road in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 6025 (six thousand and twenty-five) square yards or thereabouts forming a portion of the big piece of land called 'Panthew' registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 149, New No. 3746, Old Survey No. 487 and New Survey No. 1|1840 and Cadastral Survey No. 1269 of Mahim Division together with the messuages, tenements, dwelling houses and outhouses standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under G Ward Nos. 3372 (1), 3372 (2), 3373 (1) 3373 (2) and 3373 (3) and Street Nos. 836-836A-7-136 and 837B and bounded, on or towards the East by Bhawanishanker Road, on or towards the West formerly by the property of Nicklow Pascodas but now by that of the Pioneer Warping Sizing Mill Co., Ltd., on or towards the North by the Road leading to Gokhaley Road North and on or towards the South by the property formerly of the Vendors but now of Yoosufalli Cassumbhai Chinwala & Habib Cassumalli Chinwala.

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NEW DELHI, May 17.

As the rice situation in North-East India shows little improvement despite a sufficiency of domestic supplies, the Central Government have decided to remove all restrictions on the free trading of all food-grains and their products in Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and the Eastern States except in respect of two areas concerning the first and last named, says a press communique. From May 18 therefore, traders will be free to move and to sell stocks throughout this larger block of territory and no barriers to free trading will exist. The local administrations are taking parallel action to force stocks into consumption under the foodgrains control order.—A. P.

NATIONAL GOVTS., ON COALITION BASIS

Dr. Naidu On Mahasabha's Plan

MADRAS, May 17.

That "the immediate task of the All India Hindu Mahasabha is to explore every possible avenue for forming National and popular Governments in the Provinces where Hindus are in a majority" was revealed by Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, Vice-President of the Mahasabha, in an interview to the 'United Press' on his return from Delhi after attending the meetings of the Working Committee and All India Committee of the Mahasabha.

There was tremendous unanimity of opinion among the Mahasabha leaders and among officials and non-officials in Delhi, Dr. Naidu added, in favour of constituting such National Governments on coalition basis in all the provinces in order that the food and other problems might be effectively tackled. So far as South India was concerned, he said, the next Provincial Mahasabha Conference to be held at Tanjore would be able to give a definite lead in this direction.

Dr. Naidu referred to the main resolution passed by the Delhi session and said that the Committee had taken a definite decision and chalked out a clear-cut programme to be prepared to face the oft-repeated threat of the Muslim League in respect of its Pakistan demand. Even if the British Government were to concede Pakistan to the League, the Mahasabha, he said, would oppose it to the last drop of its blood.—United Press.

Kanara Catholic Association Show

A lively programme, quite out of the way from the present stereotyped American pictures was presented by the members of the Kanara Catholic Association at the St. Xavier's College Hall Bombay, on Sunday evening. The show was in aid of charities and the most Rev. Dr. Thomas Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay, presided.

The drama selected was "Meet Mr. Jordan", a French comedy, translated into English.

The role of Mr. Jordan was played by Mr. Lancelot Noronha, who lived his part on the stage.

The other artistes who along with the hero made their debut for the first time acted remarkably well.

There were several musical interludes between the acts and Master Conrad Alvares kept the audience thrilled with his superb execution of tap dancing.

The programme concluded with Mrs. Sylvia Nunes' rendering of a piano transcription of Verdi-Listz Rigoletto and the entire repertoire was a great success.

Motor Car Thief Active

The Police have on several occasions in the past advised motorists against leaving unattended cars parked in streets etc. with the ignition key in the switch.

At least one motorist who failed to heed this advice when he went to a cinema show in the Fort area during the week had to seek an alternative means of conveyance when he emerged after the show, as his car had disappeared from the car park. It was eventually recovered by the Police from Marine Drive where it had been abandoned minus some tools.

All motorists are once again advised to remove switch keys from cars when leaving them unattended and to take all possible steps to render the vehicles immovable by unauthorized persons.—"Police News"

Death Of Sir George Anderson

LONDON, May 17.

It is announced to-day that Sir George Anderson, former Educational Commissioner to the Government of India, died on Saturday.

Sir George Anderson was Professor of History, Elphinstone College, Bombay; Asst. Secretary Education Department, Government of India; Secretary to the Calcutta University Commission; member of the Auxiliary Committee of the Indian Statutory Commission; Director of Public Instruction, Punjab 1920; Educational Commissioner with the Government of India. He retired in 1936. He wrote: "Expansion of India," "British Administation in India," and "Christian Education in India."

Use Of Gas Americans Deny

WASHINGTON:—A Navy Department spokesman said on Monday: "Enemy claims that United States forces in the Aleutians have used gas are absolutely untrue."—Reuter.

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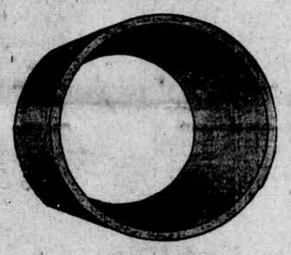
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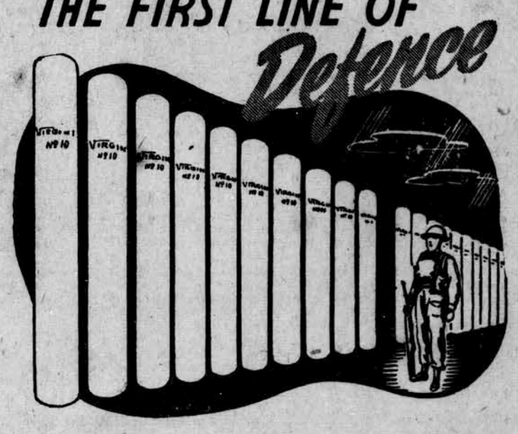
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